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22
23 **Abstract**

24 The downstream low-lying regions of the Kelani River, including some areas in the Districts of
25 Colombo and Gampaha, Sri Lanka, frequently face severe inundations due to extreme rainfalls
26 in the upper basin. In the present study, 1-D and 2-D hydrodynamic models in HEC-RAS have
27 been used to examine the flood inundations in the tidal influenced Kelani River with ground
28 observations and remote sensing. The HEC-RAS model has been used to produce a flood
29 hazard map for hazard assessment in the lower Kelani River basin under different return
30 periods. Furthermore, expected discharges for different return periods have been estimated
31 using the hydrological model HEC-HMS with the updated intensity depth frequency curves for
32 the Kelani River basin. Sentinel 1 imagery and field survey results are used to validate the
33 simulated flood inundation extent; hydrodynamic model results validated against observed
34 stage measurements; hydrological model validated against discharge measurements.
35 Further, the validated hydrodynamic model showed the high capability to capture flow
36 processes (Nash-Sutcliffe coefficient = 0.90 and Pearson coefficient of correlation = 0.95)
37 along with inundation extent (Success Index = 0.90) of selected historical extreme events.
38 Then the hydrological model is used to predict the flows of the Kelani River basin with a good
39 agreement (Nash-Sutcliffe coefficient = 0.91 and the Pearson coefficient of correlation = 0.93).
40 Finally, flood risk zoning for different return periods are developed based on the present model
41 which would be a useful benchmark to design and implement flood control and mitigation
42 measures for the river basin.

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44 **Keywords** Kelani River, Flood inundation modelling, Flood hazard mapping, Flood Risk
45 analysis.

46 **1 Introduction**

47 Each year millions of families from different parts of the world are affected due to floods,
48 causing US\$662 billion in damages since 1995 (UNISDR 2015). In South Asian, most
49 townships and urban cities are located at popular flood risk areas (Tariq 2011). Urbanisation
50 and associated fast growing of people living in cities of South Asian have led to an increase
51 of unplanned and uncontrolled land development activities (Shah et al. 2020). These activities
52 particularly involved floodplains in the cities can potentially increase the flood hazard risks
53 (Baker 2012; Teo et al. 2012a, b; Egbinola et al. 2017 to mention but a few), particularly for
54 most of the cities in South Asian (Pervin et al. 2020). These adverse risks and impacts of flood
55 range from direct impacts such as loss of human life, damages to property, destruction of
56 crops, loss of livestock to indirect impacts such as the spread of waterborne diseases,
57 deterioration of drinking water quality, etc. Therefore, the ability to predict the nature and the
58 extent of the flood is very important to the local decision-makers as this would enable them to
59 plan for such adverse impacts and minimize the damage.

60 It is essential to develop appropriate mitigation measures to minimize flood risk and
61 damage. There are mainly two flood mitigation approaches: structural and non-structural. A
62 few structural measures are dykes, dams, flood control reservoirs, diversions, flood-ways, etc.
63 On the other hand, flood forecasting and warning, watershed management, floodplain
64 development guidelines, insurance, and awareness programmes fall into non-structural
65 measures (Nandalal 2009; Caddis et al. 2012; to mention but a few). The structural measures
66 have a certain design capacity, and in case of flood levels exceed, there is a possibility of
67 failure and the damage could be disastrous. Therefore, non-structural approaches are very
68 important to promote settlement, reduce property damages ensuring safety, and well-being of
69 the public.

70 The use of hydrodynamic simulation to forecast flood extent in the Kelani River is
71 particularly important for water managers and decision-makers in Sri Lanka. The river basin
72 has significant socio-economic benefit. The commercial and administrative capital of Sri Lanka
73 is located in the lower basin of Kelani River. The District of Colombo, with a population of 2.2

74 million, is concentrated within an area of 642 km², has a population density approximately 10
75 times the remaining parts of the island (i.e. estimated with mid-year population 2013-2018
76 census and statistics). The urbanization also affects the rainfall-runoff and drainage
77 mechanisms in the lower basin of the river. In the past few decades, floods frequently occurred
78 and caused significant economic losses to the country and disruptions to the lives of
79 communities living along and around riverbanks (CRIP 2018). Additionally, Kelani River plays
80 a crucial role in power generation and in providing water supply facility to millions of people in
81 Sri Lanka (Sivapalasundaram et al. 2015).

82 The work in this study is built on the work of De Silva et al. 2012 who used a grid-based
83 Flo-2D model to simulate floods in the Kelani River, whereas the present work employs a
84 mesh-based HEC-RAS (Hydraulic Engineering Center River Analysis System) model. To
85 improve the accuracy of the model, the authors take into consideration the tidal influence on
86 the river flood, which Gunathilaka et al. 2010 and JAICA (2009) have also shown to be of
87 significance especially near to the Nagalagam station, which is closed to river mouth. Further,
88 a higher accuracy DEM (i.e. 4m resolution) used here in comparison to 10m resolution of De
89 Silva et al. (2012)'s model. Additionally, the model calibration conducted by De Silva et al.
90 (2012) follows a statistical approach using rainfall and discharge data, whereas we use field
91 observations to calibrate the model. With an improved modelling approach, more accurate
92 DEM and field observations for model calibration, the present work presents more accurate
93 simulation results for flood inundation extent, water depth and discharge for selected floods in
94 the last couple of decades. Then the results have been validated against both satellite images
95 as well as field measurements providing higher confidence of the model performance.

96 After the model validation, it is used to simulate 10, 25, 50 and 100 year return period
97 floods in the river basin and to produce flood risk map based on analysis of building and
98 population. For future use, design charts have been prepared based on the model results and
99 impact due to floods to different regions in the river basin. This paper is organized as follows.
100 Firstly, the study area and collected data for the study are presented. Then the model used is
101 briefly introduced. Next, an overview of the methodology provided with various statistical

102 techniques used to quantify and assess the performance of the present model. Then the
103 present model's validation is presented, along with model results for flood inundation extents
104 for various return periods. Additionally, building and population related flood risk maps are
105 also presented. Finally, conclusions are presented in the last section.

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107 **2 Study Area and Data**

108 **2.1 Study Area**

109 The Kelani River originates from the central hills and flows West coast through Colombo city.
110 The basin is located between Northern latitude 6° 47' to 7° 05' and Eastern longitudes 79° 52'
111 to 80° 13', with a river basin area of nearly 2,230 km² as shown in Fig. 1. Broadly, the river
112 basin can be categorized into upper and lower basins. The upper basin features mountainous
113 terrain, whereas the lower basin is generally flat terrain. The lower basin lies below the
114 Hanwella River gauging station which has an approximate area of 500 km².

115 The upper basin is covered predominantly with vegetation, whereas the lower basin is
116 heavily urbanized. The river basin receives an average annual rainfall of nearly 2,400 mm and
117 carries a peak discharge of 800 – 1,500 m³/s during the monsoonal periods (i.e. especially in
118 South-West monsoon period from May to September). Frequently, during the South-West
119 monsoon period, the lower reach of the basin is subjected to flooding as recorded from the
120 flood gauge located at Nagalagam Street.

121 **2.2 Data**

122 The data collected for the present project included precipitation data, stream flow data, land-
123 use characteristics data, flood field measurements, satellite images and a Digital Elevation
124 Model (DEM) of the river basin. Table 1 summarizes the data and their resolutions collected
125 from different sources.

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127 **3 Methodology**

128 The present work employs a coupled hydrodynamic and hydrological model with information
129 being fed between the models according to the flow chart shown in Fig. 2. In addition to the

130 inputs to the model, the figure also shows the validation checks conducted on the output. After
131 the validation, the HEC-HMS provides the input flow for return period floods in the HEC-RAS
132 model. Then the HEC-RAS is used to produce hazard maps and risk analysis due to the floods.

133 **3.1 Hydrodynamic Model**

134 In the present study, the public domain software HEC-RAS is used to simulate the flood
135 inundation extent with unsteady flows. For higher accuracy, the integrated approach of
136 combined 1D and 2D as suggested by Horritt and Bates (2002), Werner (2004), Betsholtz and
137 Nordlöf (2017), Das et al. (2018), and Lea et al. (2019) are employed in the present model.
138 Furthermore, to capture tidal behaviour, the full momentum equation is applied following the
139 approach of Brunner (2016a). Subsequently, a terrain modification is conducted to
140 complement the river bathymetry with measured cross-sections; river discharge and tides are
141 maintained as the upper and lower boundary conditions respectively.

142 The Kelani River is a tidal influenced river Hettiarachchi (2020) and Gunathilaka et al.
143 (2010) as demonstrated by the gauge readings at Nagalagam Street. Therefore, the
144 downstream boundary conditions are set to be the measured tidal data for all the cases. These
145 effects are incorporated to the present model following the approach of by Brunner (2016b),
146 JAICA (2009), and Bakhtyar et al. (2020).

147 **3.2 Hydrological Model**

148 The public domain software Hydraulic Engineering Center Hydraulic Modelling System (HEC-
149 HMS) is used to simulate precipitation runoff process in this study using an event-based
150 approach. Following the work of De Silva et al. (2014), the Green and Ampt model, the Clark
151 Unit hydrograph and the recession method are employed in the present study (Scharffenberg
152 and Fleming 2006).

153 **3.3 Model calibration**

154 **3.3.1 Calibration of Hydrodynamic Model**

155 The calibration of the hydrodynamic model was conducted using the May-2018 flood event
156 (low return period discharge). The calibration was conducted by fine-tuning the Manning's
157 roughness coefficients for stream and flood plains (Chow 1959). Observed water depth,

158 inundation extent and recorded high flood levels (HFL) are used to calibrate the hydrodynamic
159 model. Further, cross-section spacing, time-step and optimum mesh size selected for the
160 model following the suggestions in Samuels (1989), Brunner (2016b) and Betsholtz and
161 Nordlöf (2017).

162 Additionally, the present modelling approach takes into account the tidal effects at the
163 sea outfall where the sea outfall is set as one of the boundaries with the stage computed using
164 Admiralty tide tables (UKHO 2004) and an external model following the approach of JAICA
165 (2009) and Bakhtyar et al. (2020). As Kelani River is a tidally influenced river, Gunathilaka et
166 al. (2010) showed that the high tide during flood events would create the worst-case scenario
167 in the vicinity of Nagalagam Street. Further, for the purpose of mapping inundation return
168 periods in the HEC-HMS model, a uniform 1m stage is set as the lower boundary condition.
169 Subsequently, the sea level rise and the Coriolis effects are not incorporated in the present
170 study due to its low significance in floods.

171 The evaluation of performances of model stage and the observed stage is statically
172 evaluated with Nash- Sutcliffe Efficiency Coefficient (NSE) and the Pearson coefficient of
173 determination (R^2). In addition, to evaluate the performances of inundation prediction we
174 followed previous studies (De Silva et al. 2012; Khaing et al. 2019) to conduct a
175 comprehensive evaluation by comparing the satellite observations and model predictions on
176 a cell-by-cell basis following statistical matrix by Falter et al. (2013), Bennett et al. (2013),
177 Falter et al. (2015) and Khaing et al. (2019).

178 (a) Flood Area Index (FAI)

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$$FAI = \frac{M_1 D_1}{M_1 D_1 + M_1 D_0 + M_0 D_1} \quad (1)$$

180 (b) Accuracy

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$$Accuracy = \frac{hits + correct\ negatives}{total} \quad (2)$$

182 (c) Bias Score

183
$$Bias\ score = \frac{hits + false\ alarms}{hits + misses} \quad (3)$$

184 (d) Probability of detection (hit rate)

185 *Probability of detection (hit rate)* = $\frac{hits}{hits+misses}$ (4)

186 (e) False alarm ratio

187 *False alarm ratio* = $\frac{flase\ alarms}{hits+flase\ alarms}$ (5)

188 (f) Probability of false detection

189 *Probability of false detection (flase alarm rate)* = $\frac{false\ alarms}{correct\ negatives+flase\ alarms}$ (6)

190 (g) Success index

191 *Sucess index* = $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{hits}{hits+misses} + \frac{correct\ negatives}{correct\ negatives+flase\ alarms} \right)$ (7)

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193 where, M_1D_1 number of grid cells is correctly predicted as flooded by model (hits), M_1D_0 is
 194 number of cells flooded in the prediction but observed as dry in the observation (false alarm),
 195 M_0D_1 is the predicted dry area but observed wet area (misses), and number of correct
 196 negatives are the cells predicted and observed as dry.

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198 **3.3.2 Calibration of Hydrological Model**

199 May-2017 flood event was used for the hydrological model calibration by adjusting soil and
 200 base flow parameters until the goodness of fit achieved to be in the acceptable range of
 201 Moriasi et al. (2007). To evaluate the model performance statistically, a skill matrix was used.

202 Further, updated Intensity Depth Frequency (IDF) curves used for the model
 203 development which takes into account climate change effects as well (Nandalal and
 204 Ghnanapala 2017) with 3-day rainfall.

205 (a) Pearson coefficient of determination (R^2):

206 $R^2 = \frac{[\sum_{i=1}^n ((O_i - \bar{O}) \times (S_i - \bar{S}))]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - \bar{O})^2 \times \sum_{i=1}^n (S_i - \bar{S})^2}$ (8)

207 (b) Nash Sutcliffe Efficiency Coefficient (NSE):

208 $NSE = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (S_i - O_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - \bar{O})^2}$ (9)

209 (c) Percentage of Bias (PBIAS):

210
$$PBIAS = \left| \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (S_i - O_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n O_i} \right| \times 100\% \quad (10)$$

211 (d) Root Mean Square Error (RMSE):

212
$$RSR = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - S_i)^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (O_i - \bar{O})^2}} \quad (11)$$

213 where O_i is observed flow at i^{th} time, S_i is simulated flow at i^{th} time, \bar{O} is mean of observed
 214 flow and \bar{S} is mean of simulated flow respectively.

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216 **3.4 Satellite Image Processing and Flood Hazard Mapping**

217 The open-access micro wave satellite images from Sentinel – 1 during flood events were
 218 processed with the method suggested by Perrou et al. (2018) with the use of open-source
 219 software SNAP v8.0 (<http://step.esa.int/main/toolboxes/snap/>). The reason for the selection of
 220 Sentinel-1 compared to other satellite missions were described by Psomiadis (2016), Khaing
 221 et al. (2019), Bioresita et al. (2018) and DeVries et al. (2020).

222 For the present study, hazard induced by water depth is considered due to the scarcity
 223 of data related to the velocities, the inundation time or the time to the rise of flood wave. A
 224 lower hazard rank is assigned to a lower water depth while a larger hazard rank is employed
 225 to indicate a higher hazard (De Silva et al. 2012). Table 2 shows the rank and hazard levels
 226 employed in the present study relative to the Nagalagam Street gauge reading (0 MSL).

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228 **3.5 Flood Vulnerability**

229 The vulnerability was classified into population and building vulnerability. Both population and
 230 building vulnerabilities were analyzed based on the age groups and building materials
 231 respectively in each GN (*Grama Niladar*) division. In the present study, the population's
 232 vulnerability to flood was computed using population data obtained from the 2012 census.

233 In population vulnerability, the highest ranks are assigned to age groups less than 5
 234 years and above 60 years as they are deemed to be more vulnerable. Low and intermediate
 235 ranks are assigned to the age group of 26 to 59 year and 6 to 25 years respectively. At the

236 same time, to assess building vulnerability, the highest ranks are given to buildings that are
237 susceptible to damage due to minimal impact.

238 The vulnerability index for each categorization in GN division was calculated by
239 following Samarasinghe et al. (2010):

$$240 \quad VI_{GN} = \sum_{i=1}^n F_{GN_i} \times R_i \quad (12)$$

241 where: VI_{GN} is vulnerability in a GN division (-), F_{GN_i} is a fraction of age group/building
242 material type out of the total in the GN division, R_i is vulnerability rank of each group (-) and
243 n is number of categories respectively.

244 The vulnerability index calculated using equation (12) was standardized by overlaying with the
245 present model's inundation extents to obtain revised vulnerability index for various return
246 periods in the Kelani River basin (as shown in Table 3):

247 **3.6 Flood Risk**

248 The risk maps for various return period floods are computed by assuming the equation
249 suggested by Wolfgang (2005) and Samarasinghe et al. (2010), i.e. *Risk index* =
250 *Hazard index* \times *Vulnerability index*. The Table 4 shows the risk classification employed in
251 the present study.

252

253 **4 Results and discussion**

254 **4.1 Hydrodynamic model validation**

255 The stages simulated by the model at the Stations of Hanwella and Nagalagam Street are
256 compared with the measured stage values of those stations (Table 5). The comparison shows
257 close agreement between the results as indicated by high R^2 and NSE values (i.e. $R^2 = 0.93$,
258 $NSE = 0.92$ at Hanwella Gauge and $R^2 = 0.95$, $NSE = 0.94$ at Nagalagam Street gauge). The
259 results showed that the HEC-RAS hydrodynamic model is able to capture the temporal
260 variability of the flood flow process very well. However, the comparisons also revealed that
261 the model underestimates the stage on many occasions (Fig. 3). It is understood that the

262 cause for this underestimation is primarily resulting from the negligence of rainfall-runoff at the
263 lower basin in the model.

264 The simulated flood inundations for the 2018 and 2016 events are compared against
265 field survey measurements and satellite images in Figs. 4 and 5. For a clear comparison
266 between different regions of the Kelani River basin, the area is subdivided into 10 regions and
267 each of the regions compared between simulated and survey measurements/ satellite images,
268 as shown in Table 6.

269 Model simulated inundation comparison with satellite observed inundation related to
270 May-2018 showed that there is an 83% of hit rate and 94 % of accuracy. This shows that the
271 model was able to realistically capture the inundation process. But, at the same time 34% of
272 false alarm ratio, 5% of false alarm rate and 1.35 bias score depicted that model tends to
273 overestimate. Additionally, the May-2018 event simulation was able to correctly capture the
274 flood extent with 88% of success index. Further, the May-2016 event simulation was able to
275 detect the observed flood with 97% hit rate and an accuracy of 87%. Although the false alarm
276 rate and the false alarm ratios increased to 48% and 13% respectively, the results show that
277 the model tends to overestimate the inundations with 1.9 bias score. This also indicated the
278 model could successfully detect inundations (i.e. success index) with 91%. On average the
279 model results showed that there is a high hit rate of 90% and accuracy of 91%, although the
280 results displayed relatively small overestimation in 41% of false alarm ratio, 9% of false alarm
281 rate together with 1.65 bias score. This validation of the model showed it is able to successfully
282 detect the flood with 90% of the success index.

283 Further, average comparison of simulated flood during the surveyed inundation period,
284 in both events shows that there is a high accuracy (i.e. 90%) but the hit rate was 61% as well
285 as the false alarm rate and the ratios were 17% and 3% with 0.815 bias score. This suggests
286 that the model underestimates the inundations relative to the surveyed inundations. All
287 together 78% success index was obtained. Compared to satellite observed inundations, the
288 comparison of surveyed inundation is not very accurate and also it is observed that surveyed
289 inundations underestimate satellite observations as shown by Figs. 4 and 5.

290 After the present model validation provided sufficient confidence in its capabilities, it is then
291 used for estimating the risk for population and building under various return periods

292 **4.2 Hydrological model validation**

293 Fig.6 shows the comparison between the present model's simulated and the observed
294 discharge for 2017, 2011 and 2010 flood events. The simulated results agree closely with the
295 observed flows, as evidenced by the goodness of fit tests given in Table 7. The results
296 supported the recommendation of De Silva et al. (2014) that the Green and Ampt model is
297 ideal for the Kelani River basin. However, the loss parameters slightly deviated from the
298 corresponding values of De Silva et al. (2014), which may have resulted in a slight over
299 prediction.

300 Table 8 shows the 3-day total rainfall and the expected discharges derived from the
301 HEC-HMS model using IDF curves. Based on these results, the Kelani River basin appears
302 to have faced only a maximum flood of 10-year return period; Table 8 is a good assessment
303 of potential damage for higher return periods.

304 **4.3 Hazard Mapping and Risk Zoning**

305 Flood hazard mapping for different return periods were conducted with estimated discharges
306 from the previously validated models. According to Tables 9, 15 out of 26 divisional secretariat
307 (DS) divisions of both Colombo and Gampaha districts are identified as hazardous. Under
308 different return periods, the magnitude and scale of flooding varied for different regions as
309 summarized in Supplementary Table 1. Further, the water depths are classified into 5 groups
310 based on the Nagalagam Street warning levels (i.e. 0.2m – 1.5m, 1.5m – 2.13m, 2.13m –
311 2.70m, 2.70m-3.65m and above 3.65m). Based on the results mentioned in Supplementary
312 Table 1, a total area of 68.06, 95.56, 99.51 and 101.69 square kilometres of lower Kelani River
313 basin subjected to flood under 10year, 25year, 50year and 100 year return periods
314 respectively.

315 During this study we considered vulnerability in terms of population and buildings. Fig.
316 8 shows the variation of population risk under different return period floods. The results
317 extracted from the maps mentioned in Supplementary Table 2 summarizes the results. Fig. 7

318 (a) shows Kaduwela, Seethawaka, Kolonnawa, Dompe and Biyagama DS divisions are under
319 higher risk than the other DS divisions as a result of low-lying land with high population density.

320 The evaluation of risk in terms of buildings shows similar behaviour to that with the
321 population (see Fig. 9) but there is an increase in the building risk areas (Fig. 7 and Tables 9
322 and 11). Kaduwela, Homagama, Seethawaka, Dompe, Biyagama, and Kolonnawa DS
323 divisions are sub-urban areas with the concentrated population as well as semi-permanent
324 structures which can susceptible to any damage at any moment (based on census data).
325 Additionally, most of the industrial zones of Sri Lanka concentrated and established at both
326 banks of the Kelani River. From the risk analysis, it is shown that both population and buildings
327 in Biyagama, Dompe, Seethawaka, Homagama and Kolonnawa DS divisions can be identified
328 as high-risk zones.

329

330 **5 Conclusions**

331 HEC-RAS coupled model can realistically estimate the inundation extents during a flood in a
332 tidal influenced river. This study showed that the numerical models well captured the
333 inundation observed from the satellite images than the surveyed inundations. Further, a well-
334 validated model can be used to estimate the inundations that can be caused as a result of
335 extreme flood events. The corresponding expected discharges for extreme rainfall events can
336 be calculated from the HEC-HMS event based model. Additionally, this study validated the
337 statement of “Green Ampt model successfully predict the flows for Kelani River basin”.

338 The flood in lower Kelani River basin showed that 15 of them out of 26 DS divisions of
339 both Districts of Colombo and Gampaha are under hazard level. But, when assessing the risk
340 in terms of both population and buildings, 13 divisions can be considered as risk zones.
341 Additionally, Kaduwela, Homagama, Biyagama, Dompe, Seethawaka and Kolonnawa can be
342 considered as high-risk zones.

343 These findings are useful for planning and to propose implementation strategies to
344 minimize flood damages in the Lower Kelani River basin. The approaches in this study can
345 help to estimate the flood damage and evacuate the people who are susceptible to more risk.

346 Also, the approached can be used as an early warning system anywhere in the world with
347 people live in floodplain along river.

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361 **Conflicts of interest/Competing interests**

362 The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

363 **Availability of data and material**

364 The data and material that support the findings of this study are available from the
365 corresponding author, upon reasonable request.

366 **Code availability**

367 The primary software used to generate the simulation results, HEC-RAS and HEC-HMS, are
368 freely accessible open-source software.

369 **Authors' contributions**

370 E.P and J.T.S conceived of the presented idea. J.T.S developed the model and conducted the
371 simulations. J.T.S validated the model simulations against measured data. E.P encouraged
372 J.T.S to investigate flood vulnerability of the basin and supervised the findings of this work.

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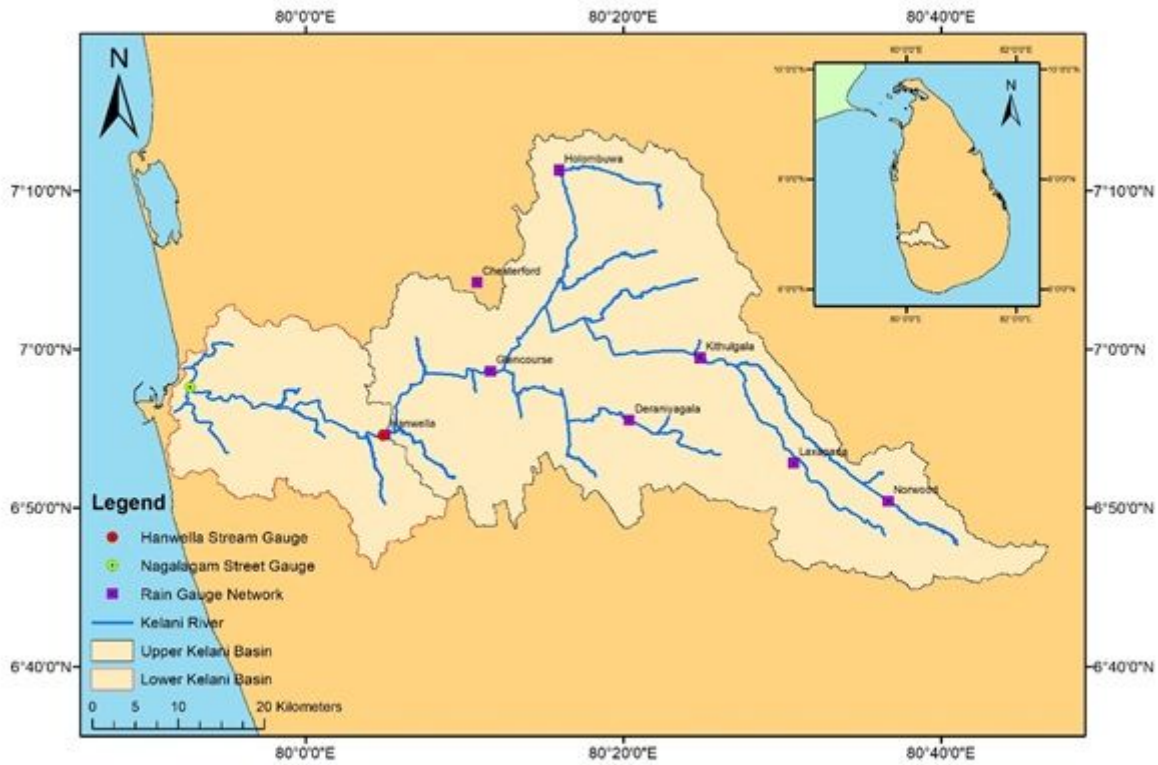


Figure 1

Kelani River basin. The red colour circle shows the Hanwella stream gauge station and the green coloured circle shows stream gauge of Nagalagam Street.

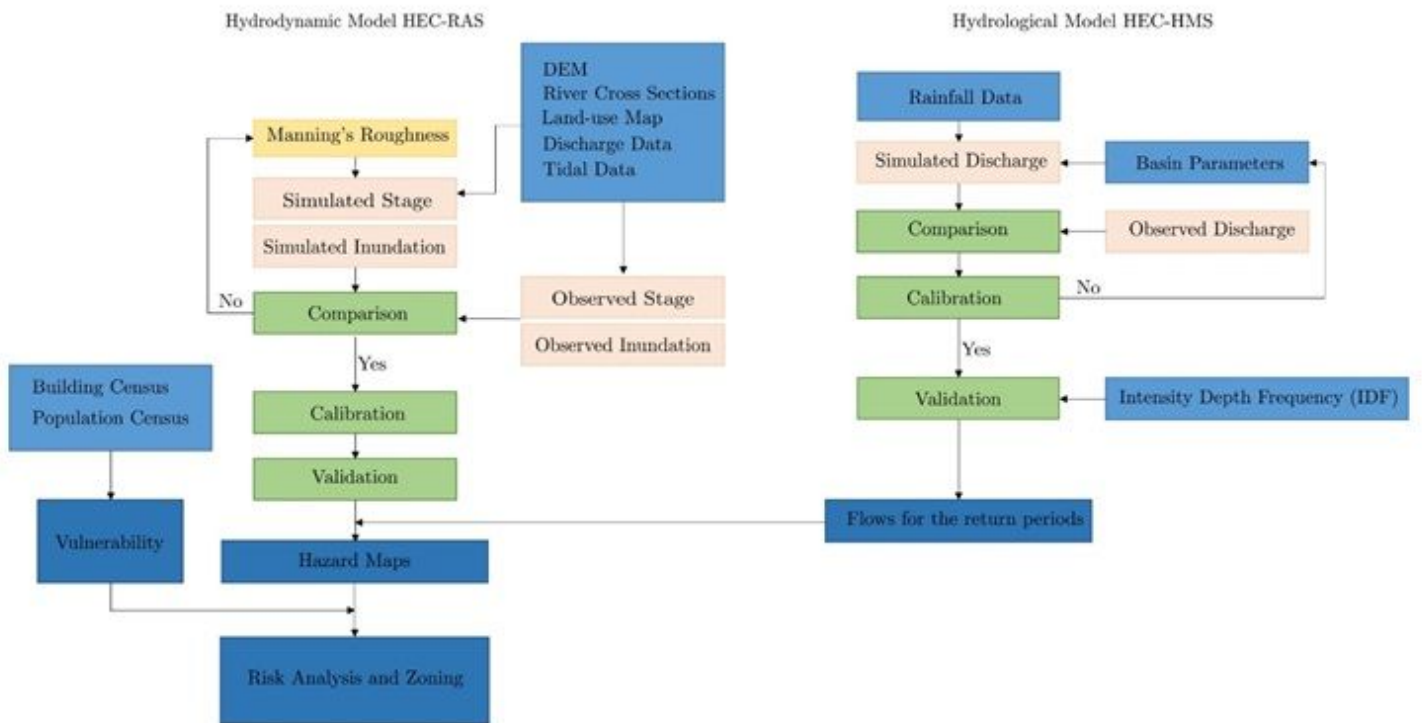


Figure 2

Illustration of the present modelling process.

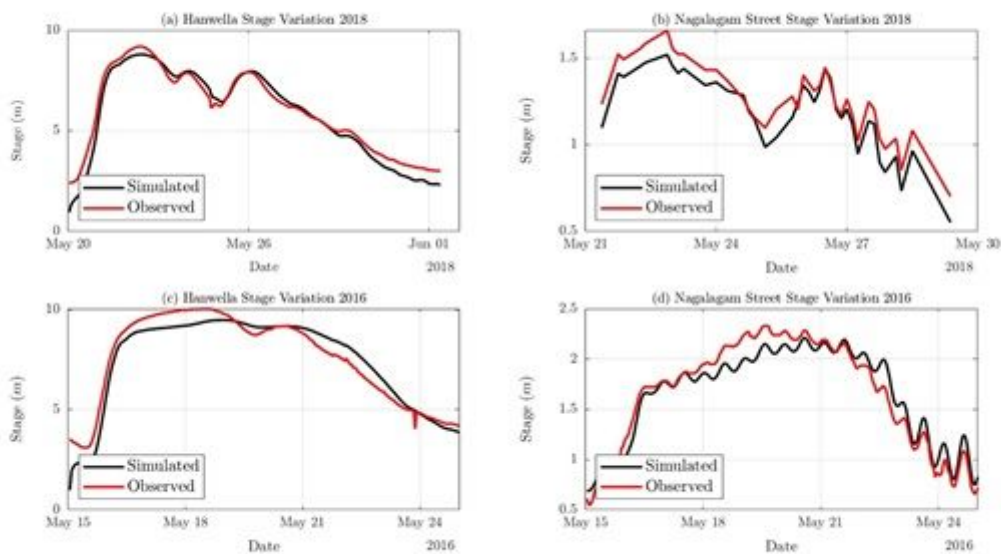


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Comparison between simulated water level (black) and observed water level (red) for (a) May-2018 Hanwella Gauge (b) May-2018 Nagalagam Street Gauge (c) May-2016 Hanwella Gauge (d) May-2016

Nagalagam Street Gauge.

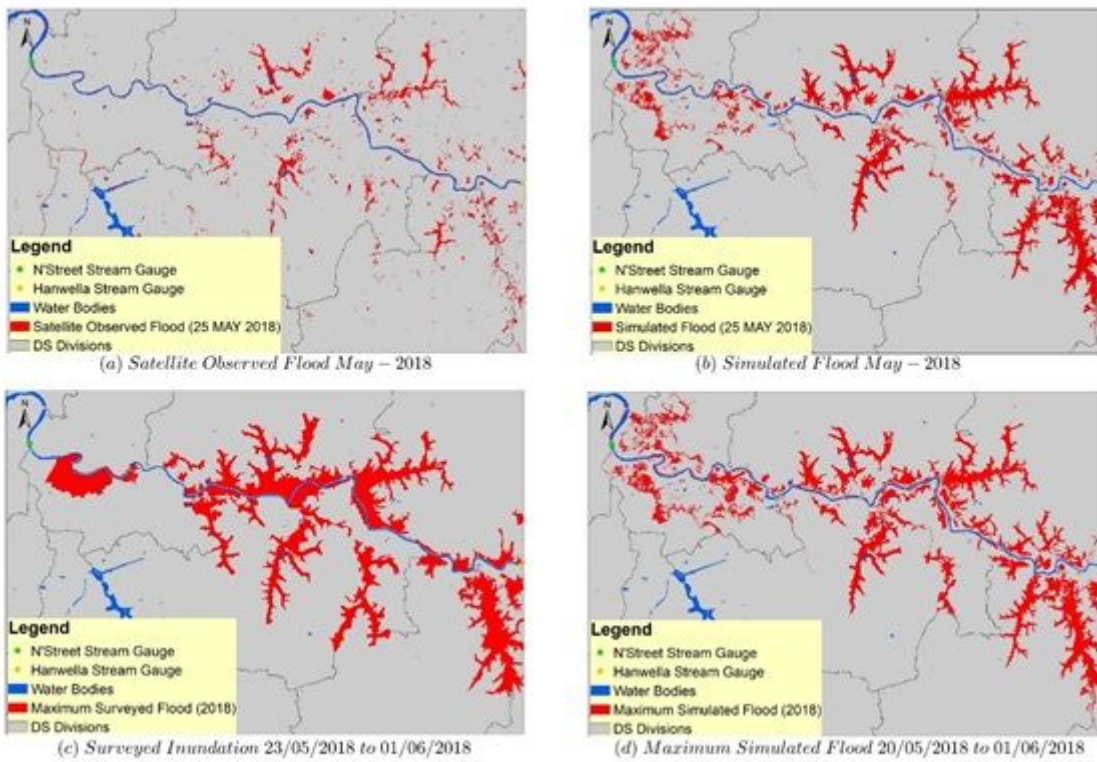
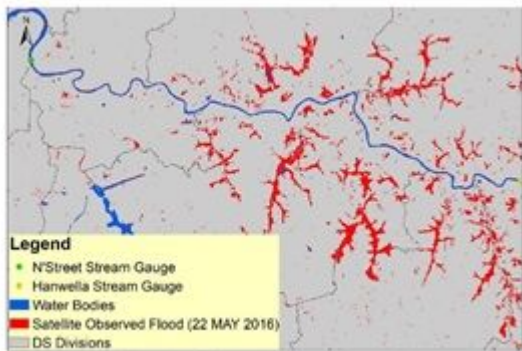
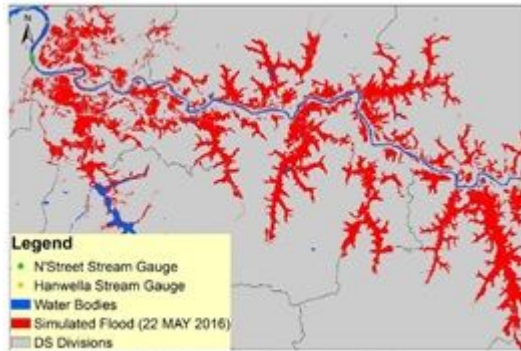


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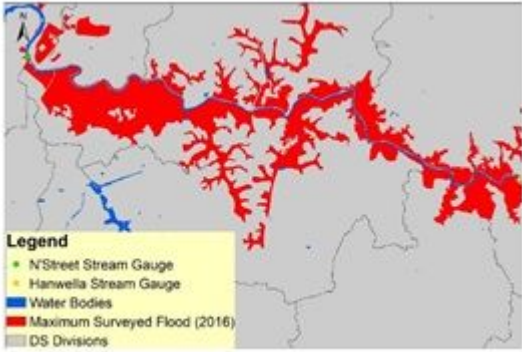
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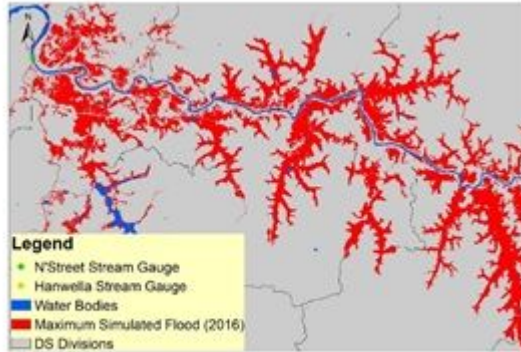
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Figure 5

(a) Observed flood extent extracted from Sentinel – 1 related to 22nd May 2016 (b) Simulated flood 22nd May 2016 (c) Surveyed inundation extent 23rd May 2016 to 02nd May 2016 (d) Maximum simulated flood 15th May 2016 to 24th May 2016.

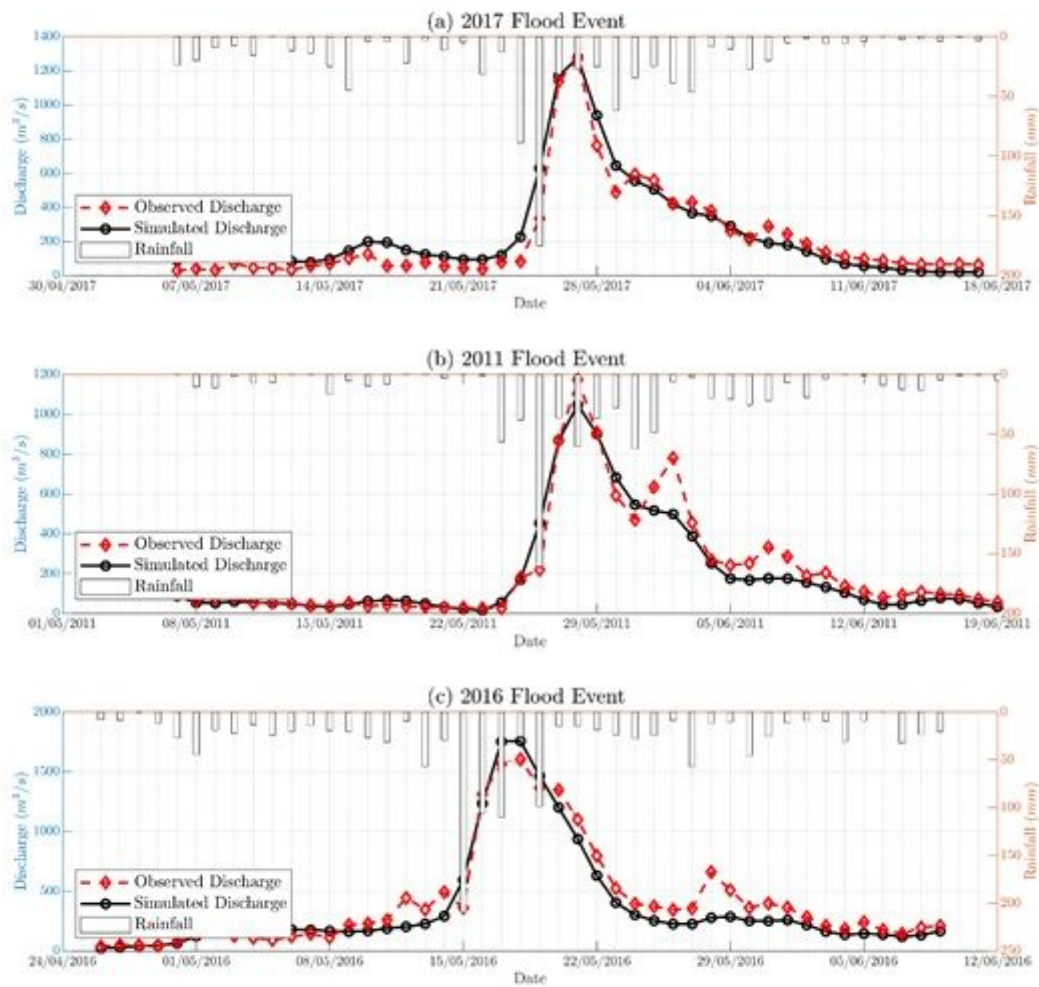


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Comparison of discharge simulated with HEC-HMS model (black line with circles) and observed discharge (red dashed line with diamonds) in (a) 2017 Calibration, (b) 2011 Validation and (c) 2016 Validation flood events.

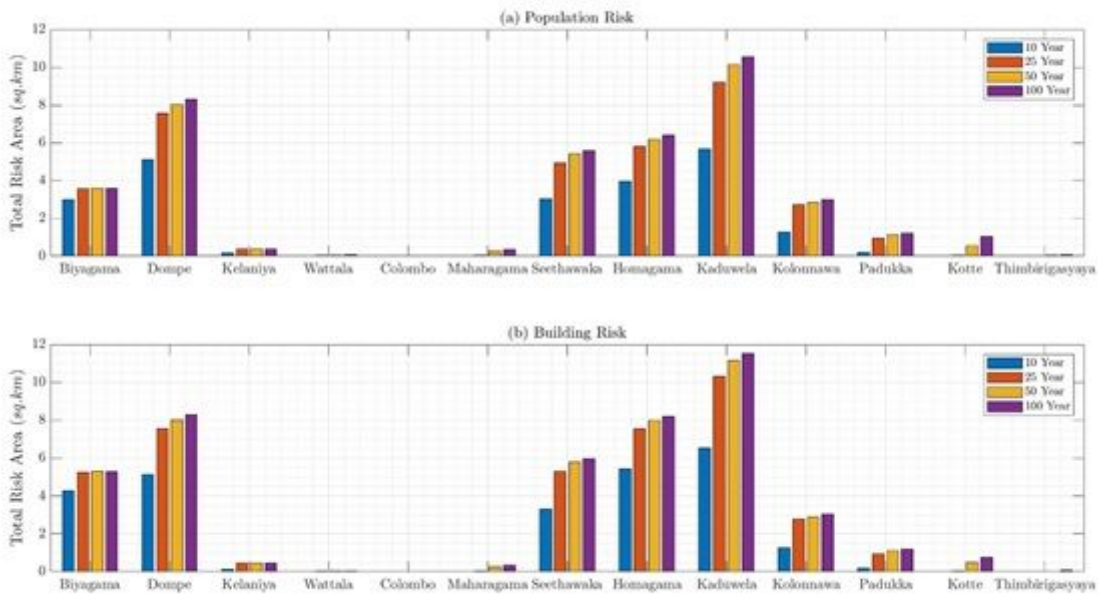


Figure 7

Total risk variation in terms of area under the different magnitude of floods (a) Population Risk (b) Building risk.

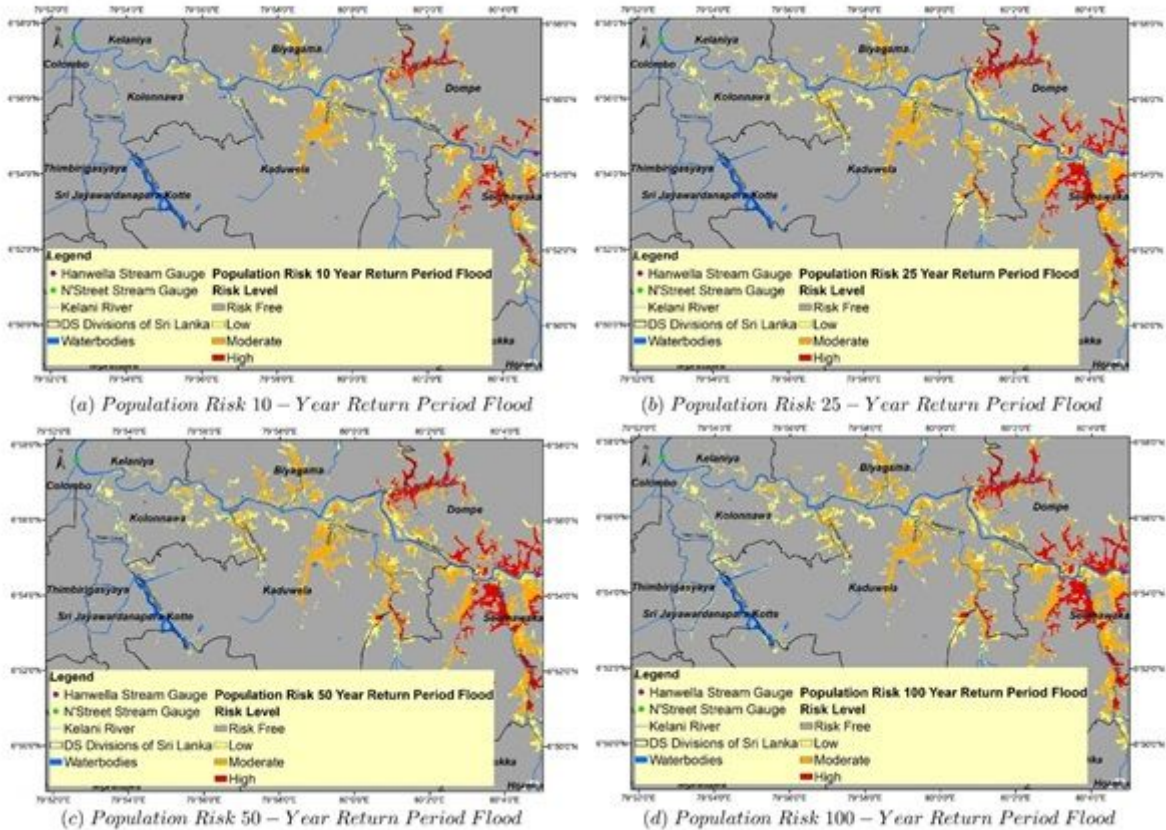


Figure 8

Population Risk Distribution (a) Population Risk under 10-year return period flood, (b) Population Risk under 25-year return period flood, (c) Population Risk under 50-year return period flood, (d) Population Risk under 100-year return period flood.

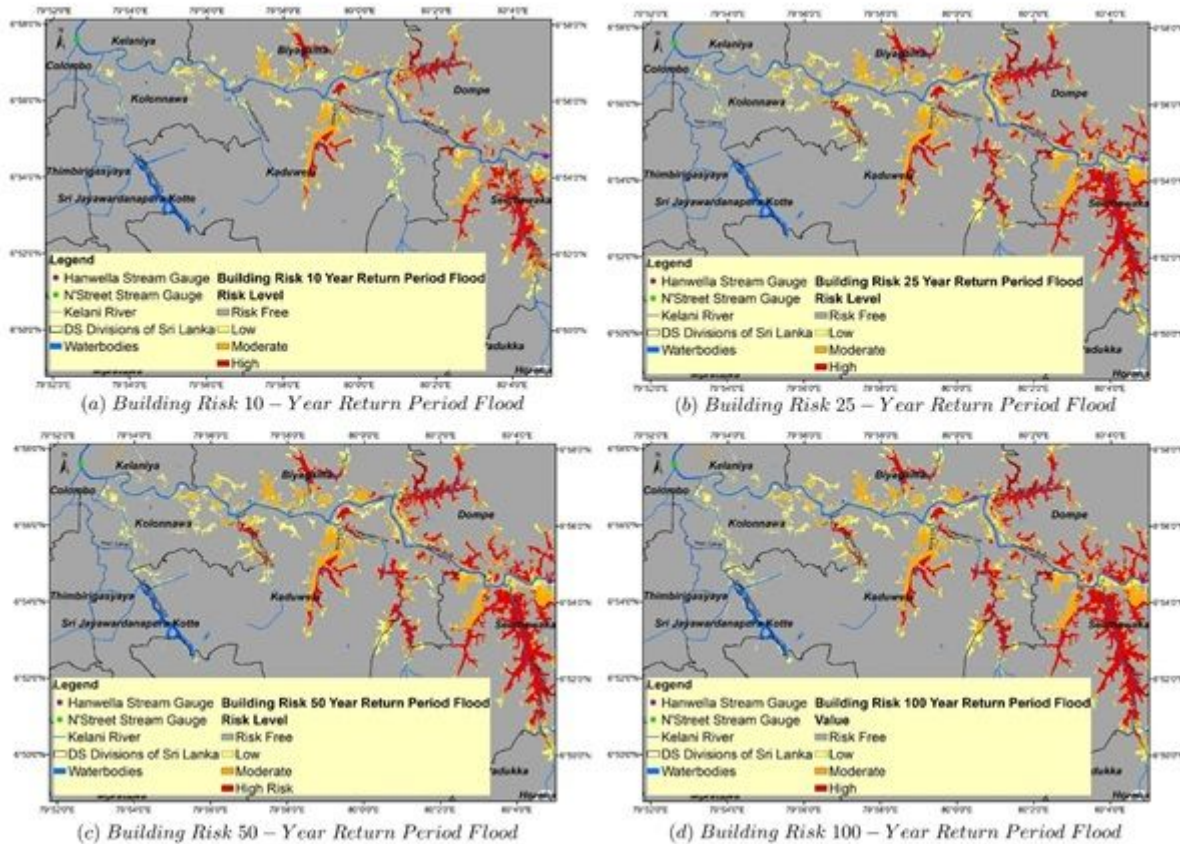


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